

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2236 - SB 2175

March 12, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires every public school student to take a series of three assessment examinations, one administered at grade 8, one at grade 10, and one at grade 11. These assessments shall provide educators with information to assist in developing interventions for the purpose of increasing high school graduation rates and improving post-secondary achievement.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

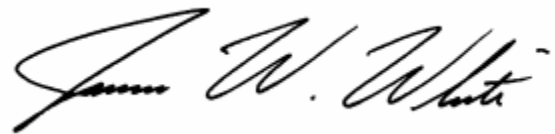
Increase State Expenditures - \$1,200,000 (Included in Governor's FY07-08 Budget)

Assumptions:

- This improvement is to provide funding to administer benchmark testing for every 8th and 10th grader in Tennessee.
- The test results from 8th graders will be used to identify gaps in knowledge and to design individual learning plans to bring students up to speed within two years.
- The test administered in the 10th grade will determine the effectiveness of the individual learning plans.
- The test is already being administered at the 11th grade.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a stylized "W".

James W. White, Executive Director